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STARBIRD, Charles M.

December 4, 1928

Charles M. Starbird  
Thomaston, Maine

My dear Mr. Starbird:

I have just received six copies of your "Indians of the Androscoggin Valley," which I ordered through the Lewiston Print Shop.

I have a special collection of Maine Author's works in the State Library. I am sending you the July 1922 library bulletin which tells you about this project.

May I send you one of these volumes and will you please autograph it and add anything to the autograph you wish to make it distinctive.

Very truly yours,

HED:ME

December 17, 1928

Mr. Charles M. Starbird  
Box 2  
Thomaston, Maine

My dear Mr. Starbird:

I am very much interested in your proposed books dealing with the Indian tribes. I am also greatly pleased to know that your first book is bringing you such favorable returns.

A great deal of research work has been done in regard to the Indians. Father O'Brien of Bangor who died some years ago, spent many years doing careful research work. I do not know where his manuscripts are -- possibly at the Bishop's house in Portland.

Governor Enoch Lincoln was also greatly interested in this subject and did a great deal of reading along these lines. It is to be greatly regretted that no one knows what became of the results of these investigations. I am very sure it is a field which will richly reward a student.

Mrs. Fannie H. Eckstorm, 173 Wilson Street, Brewer, Maine, has given considerable time to this subject. No doubt her advice would be of great value.

My experience in the publishing of Maine material

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makes me rather conservative. I have no doubt but that you will be able to sell enough to pay for the publication but I doubt if you can expect very much in addition. However, we have come to a new day and there is, no doubt, very great interest in historical studies, and it would not surprise me if you found this field not only interesting but profitable.

I sincerely hope that you will carry out your project.

Very truly yours,

HED:ME

Thomaston, Maine

December 8, 1928.

Dear Mr. Dunnack:

I am writing to get your opinion of a matter upon which I have been pondering for some time. I assume that the State Library has received its copies of "Indians of the Androscoggin Valley", and that you may have had an opportunity to hastily glance thru the story. What would be your judgment as to the value of the stories of the Canibas and Tarratines, and perhaps the Wawenocks, Sokosis and Passamaquoddys in a serial form, the latter three to be in one volume?

I am assembling material for the Canibas, and have discovered a mass of interesting information not included in Capt. Nash's work. It would seem that the passage of time may obliterate a considerable amount of this information, and since it is a subject which has been given all too little attention, it has seemed to me that it might be worth the effort to get the history of that tribe together.

The advance sale of the Anasagunticooks has reached the point where I am confident it will at least pay the cost of putting it on the market, a fact which influences me in undertaking more work along the line. I have in mind a series of at least three books on the three most important Maine tribes, and your opinion upon the matter would be highly valued.

Sincerely,

*Charles M. Starbird*

Charles M. Starbird  
Box A  
Thomaston, Maine.

December 20, 1928

Charles M. Starbird  
Box A  
Thomaston, Maine

Dear Mr. Starbird:

I neglected to send you a book to  
autograph the other day.

I am sending this book today and  
inclose postage for its return.

Very truly yours,

HED:ME

Thomaston, Maine.

December 10, 1928.

My dear Mr. Dunnack:

In reply to your letter of the 4th inst. I consider it a high privilege to be asked to autograpy one copy of "Indians of the Androscoggin Valley", and shall be very glad to do so for you.

I am returning to the State Library this morning North's History of Augusta. I hope it may be possible to secure Vol. I of Williamson at an early date.

I take this occasion to thank the State Library for the tremendous assistance it has rendered me, as well as for the distinct compliment you paid me in your letter of Tuesday last.

Very truly yours,

*Charles W. Starbird.*



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Valley for his autograph to

Charles M. Starbird

Box A Thomaston, Maine

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Box A. Thomaston, Maine  
December 24, 1928.

Dear Mr. Dunnack:

I am returning to you under separate cover the copy of "Indians of the Androscoggin Valley" which I have autographed. I am also returning "The Red Men". If it is possible I should like to secure Vol. I of Williamson. J. K.

I was much pleased to receive your letter of Dec. 17 in reply to inquiries made of you. I am interested in completing a series on the Maine Tribes primarily because I am tremendously interested in the history of the Indians in Maine. If such a series pays for itself, I should be satisfied. I would not expect to make much profit upon the works.

I want to thank you for the interest you have shown in these works, and for the invaluable assistance which I have received from the State Library.

Very truly yours,

*Charles M. Starbird*

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